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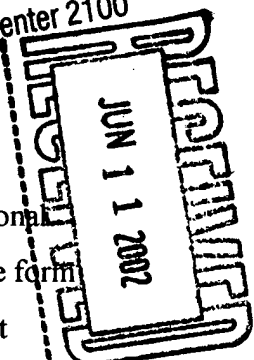
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### Comments re. Gourmet Navigator Web pages:

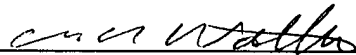
FIG. 1 is the home page of the Web site, and its URL is found in the lower left of FIG. 1. FIGS. 2 and 3 both show information about a restaurant introduced in the Web site of FIG. 1, and the viewer sees FIG. 2 first and then FIG. 3 for the restaurant information. The URL of the restaurant information is found in the lower left of both FIGS. 2 and 3. In FIGS. 2 and 3, the viewer's click on the button marked with an arrow *A* will lead to the information of FIG. 4. FIG. 4 is a coupon page assigned to the restaurant information of FIGS. 2 and 3. In FIG. 4, the part marked with an arrow *B* is a coupon with which the viewer can enjoy the bonus benefits offered thereby. That is, after dining out at the restaurant introduced in FIGS. 2 and 3, the viewer presents the coupon of FIG. 4 to the shop side to receive the bonus benefits.

FIGS. 6 to 10 are print-outs of the English version of the Web site. The URLs are shown in the lower left of FIGS. 6 to 10. FIG. 6 is the home page of the English language version of the Web site. FIGS. 7 and 8 both show information about a restaurant introduced in the Web site of FIG. 6. The details of FIGS. 7 and 8 are roughly the same as those of FIGS. 2 and 3. In the pages of FIGS. 7 and 8, the viewer's click on the button marked with an arrow *C* will lead to information of FIG. 9 (FIG. 10). Specifically, FIG. 9 is a coupon page assigned to the restaurant information of FIGS. 7 and 8, and in FIG. 9. The coupon is used in the same manner as above to receive the bonus benefits.

5. ☐ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AO	Print-out of "Gourmet Navigator Inc." web pages (homepage URL: <a href="http://gnavi.joy.ne.jp">http://gnavi.joy.ne.jp</a> ); 10 pages labelled Figs. 1-10; Gourmet Navigator Inc.; Figs. 1-5 posted on the internet no later than January 23, 2001. Figs. 6-10 posted on the internet no later than December 12, 2001.
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